

Diamond Jim Brady, the Man of 12,000 Precious Stones, and Some of Them



GEMS HIS 'BABIES,' BRADY DEVOTED LIFE TO HOBBY

Dead Millionaire, Famed as First Nighter, Free Spender, and Good Fellow, Left Collection of Jewels Fit to Rouse Envy of Cleopatra.

The recent sale, in New York, of the last of the world-famous jewelry collection of the late James Buchanan ("Diamond Jim") Brady, has re-opened the question—often propounded during the lifetime of that eccentric millionaire—as to whether or not his was not the most unique obsession which ever held a rich man in its thrall.

Cornelia, a famous Roman mother, when asked by a friend why she wore no ornaments, called her two sons, Tiberius and Gaius Gracchus, to her side.

"These are my jewels," she said, proudly. And, after the noble Cornelia had passed away, the Gracchi proved themselves to be manly gems of purest ray serene.

LIKE ARABIAN NIGHTS CASKET.

"Diamond Jim," having money, but no sons, set about, some fifteen years ago, to accumulate a collection of precious stones the like of which the modern world had never known. Long before he died, early in April of the present year, he had accomplished the task.

"These are my jewels," said Mr. Brady to an intimate, shortly before he left for Atlantic City, where he spent his last days. Thereupon he exhibited to his friend no less than thirty complete "sets," each a triumph of the jeweler's art and each fit to be the gift of an East Indian rajah to his bride.

For these gems, and their settings it is estimated that "Diamond Jim" spent considerably more than a million dollars. He will dispose of approximately \$250,000 worth to friends and relatives. The remainder were recently sold in one lot to Stern Brothers & Co., of New York city, for a price reported to be in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

Thus it is estimated that Mr.

Brady's hobby cost him—or his estate—approximately \$350,000.

But "Diamond Jim" did not begrudge a cent that went toward the purchase, repair or "upkeep" of his gem collection.

"They are my pets," he often declared.

And no character in history, authentic or profane, ever lavished more care, devotion or attention upon his or her "pets" than Mr. Brady gave to his sparklers.

"Sets" Were Dazzling. Some of the "sets" were truly remarkable. The "Transportation Set," for example, contained scarfpins, rings, cufflinks and other adornments fashioned to represent horses, camels, automobiles, bicycles, steamships, tank cars, rosters, aeroplanes, locomotives, merrimacks, and similar mechanical and zoological objects.

The "Sporting Set," which he always wore when he visited the racetracks or other resorts, where the denizens of the sporting world congregated, contained fifty-two crystals surrounded by no less than 654 small diamonds. The other twenty-eight "sets" were named as follows:

Pearl Set.
Ruby Set.
Emerald Set.
Cat's Eye Set.
Sapphire Set.
Marquise Diamond Set.
Racing Set.
Trefail Set.
Star Sapphire Set.
Black Opal Set.
Opal Set.
Turquoise Set.
Napoleon Set.
Initial "B" Set.

Twelve of the notable pieces in Mr. Brady's collection are shown above. They can be identified easily by the following numbers: No. 1, belt buckle, tiger and tigress, set in diamonds; No. 2, cuff links, tiger and tigress; No. 3, diamond ring, with 15-carat blue diamond surrounded by diamonds; No. 4, tie clip, camel; No. 5, tie pin, bantam rooster; No. 6, one of the studs, an automobile; No. 7, stickpin, horse head; No. 8, cuff link, elephant and bear; No. 9, five waistcoat buttons, with owl, squirrel, buffalo, turtle, and reindeer in diamonds; No. 10, watch, with donkey; No. 11, one of the studs, bicycle; No. 12, buttons to hold watch, a gamecock and an aeroplane.

Colored Sapphire Set.
Garnet Set.
Topaz Set.
Avalon Set.
Amethyst Set.
Moonstone Set.
Coral Set.
U. S. Coin Set.
Sardonyx Set.
Amatrite Set.
Jade Set.
Thymianite Set.
Linen Set.

One Emerald Worth \$20,000.

Each of these sets contained an average of twenty-four separate pieces of jewelry, supposed to be a complete equipment for a day. The most valuable single piece in the entire collection was a pear-shaped emerald in the "Emerald Set." It weighed 25 carats and was appraised at \$20,000.

An eyeglass case in the "Marquis Diamond Set," which contained one stone weighing 20 carats, was appraised at \$15,000.

The five more important sets in the Brady collection were estimated to be worth approximately \$100,000 each. These were the "Marquis Diamond Set," the "Pearl Set," the "Ruby Set," the "Emerald Set," and the "Cat's Eye Set."

Among the animals which Mr. Brady had reproduced in jewels, besides those already mentioned, were a tiger, a lion, an elephant, a bear, an owl, a squirrel, a buffalo, a turtle, an elk, and a donkey. Almost every one of these "sets" contained a "J. B. B." monogram, wrought in the jewels to which the "set" was dedicated.

Truly, "Diamond Jim" has set a high mark for collectors of eccentric jewelry to shoot at with their golden pellets.

Was a Philanthropist, Too. But Brady, the gem collector, did not confine his activities outside of business to the promotion of his purely philanthropic were almost as famous as his jewels, one notable gift being that of a zoological clinic building to Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, which followed a successful operation performed upon him at that institution by Dr. Hugh H. Young.

The building was valued at \$500,000, and Mr. Brady is said to have given \$1,000,000 to the famous medical institute for the maintenance of the "Brady Clinic."

New York Hospital, in his own city, received a total of \$3,000,000 under Mr. Brady's will.

SINNING WIFE, FEARING HUSBAND, DRINKS POISON

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 9.—Fearing her husband would leave her when he should learn, according to her statement to the police, that she had been with her former sweetheart, Mrs. Alice Herick Crome, aged twenty-two, the pretty wife of C. R. Crome, swallowed a quantity of lysol at the entrance of the chamber of commerce building.

When Policemen W. W. Smith and Sands attempted to thwart her intended suicide, Mrs. Crome, according to their report, threw some of the lysol into their faces. The officers suffered slight burns.

Mrs. Crome's chances for recovery, according to Dr. Stookley, were about even late last night.

Husband Is Summoned. For some time the woman refused to reveal her true identity. Then as she suffered she called for her husband and he was summoned. When he first arrived at the hospital he censured her, but later declared that with her promise to be a true wife in the future, he would forget what had happened and they would begin all over again.

In a remarkable statement to the detectives and surgeons, Mrs. Crome said she spent Tuesday evening with her former sweetheart, who came to Los Angeles from Utah for a vacation trip.

"I tried to commit suicide because I was ashamed to face my husband," Mrs. Crome said. "I love my husband and hate myself for what I did. When a man and woman are thrown in one another's company, and if they have ever loved one another, complications are apt to happen. In my case I sinned and sought succor for my tormented soul in death."

Acts in Fit of Remorse. "After I left him I wandered through the streets in the early morning hours; then I tried to solve the love problem while in Westlake Park. It all looked black to me, for I knew my husband would never forgive me. I went downtown and bought poison in a drug store."

"I debated what to do, but in a fit of remorse I made a scene on the street by lifting the bottle to my lips and swallowed the contents. I don't remember fighting with the officers. I just wanted to harm myself."

"My husband and I never quarreled while we lived together."

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"DIAMOND JIM" BRADY.

A photograph of the eccentric millionaire-business man-philanthropist strolling down the street he loved above all others, Broadway, and wearing one of the "sets" with which he was wont to put the blaring electric signs to shame.

INVENTOR HERE WITH BIG TORPEDO 'WORTH MILLION'

Edward B. Garretson, of Columbia, S. C., is now in Washington to lay plans of a powerful weapon of war before the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. Mr. Garretson, after months of work, has worked out an aerial or water torpedo which he believes will revolutionize war. He carries letters of introduction from Governor Manning, of South Carolina; A. J. Bethes, lieutenant governor; W. W. Moore, the adjutant general; and Dr. L. A. Griffith, mayor of Columbia.

The torpedo, says Mr. Garretson, has almost unlimited power for distance and velocity. It is worked on the principle of recompressed air, and will carry 10,000 pounds of explosive. The inventor estimates that it can be constructed at approximately one-half cost of motor driven torpedoes. Mr. Garretson believes that his invention is perfected, and he will expect to receive \$1,000,000 for it.

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TO ASK PRESIDENT TO SPARE LIFE OF SLAYER OF WIFE

(Continued from Page One.) took her life I had gotten up and was getting ready to go to work when she told me she had moved all her clothes out and was going to live with the other man; that she did not love me.

Sorrow for Son. My God! I knew nothing more until the end. I am ready to die. I know God has forgiven me, but it is so hard for the boy to be left alone! Oh, if I could only bring her back and undo what I did, but too late, too late! God has forgiven me, and I think I am ready. It will only be the giving up of a life already ruined."

I said: "Everything seems against you, but I trust you will yet get commutation of sentence. You have only a few more days, but pray that if you are called upon to give up your life that God will help you." From what inquiry I have made, Allen had been a fairly good man until this trouble came into his life, and I pray our President, whose time is so occupied with the great war problem, may read these few lines, may feel in his heart that this man Allen has will suffer sufficiently for what he has done, that our President, in his wisdom, may revoke the death penalty and grant commutation of sentence.

Allen killed his wife on November 11, 1915, in their home, at 1221 Potomac street, Georgetown. They quarreled over a rumpled dress.

MAJOR LUCE TO RIDE WAR HORSE 'FLANDERS'

Major C. R. Luce, of the District National Guard, is receiving the congratulations of his friends today over winning "Flanders," the war horse offered by the Gayety Theater to the most popular mounted commissioned officer of the District troops. Major Luce received a grand total of 2,782 votes and his nearest opponent, Capt. Louis C. Vogt, who is now with Battery A at Aniston, Ala., received 2,385 votes.

Though Captain Vogt, ran ahead of Major Luce at the close of the matinee votes count yesterday, the latter forged to the front in the voting last night, his friends making an eleventh-hour rally in his behalf. Manager Harry Jarboe today announced the list of officers who also made a creditable showing in the popularity contest: Major J. F. Hodgson, 879; Capt. George A. Bonnet, 842; Lieut. Col. Anton Stephan, 800; Capt. L. L. Krentzlin, 674, and Major Leroy W. Herron, 612.

MONOTYPE PLANT EXTENDS.

The capacity of the plant of the Lanston Monotype Company in Philadelphia is to be greatly increased during the next few weeks in order to take care of the increased business of the company. It is announced by J. Maury Dove, the president. Work is now under way on the plant, two floors of the new building will be completed within the next sixty days. The new building, Mr. Dove said, will be ready for use in four months.

Ship's Hesitation Costs Dancer \$150, And Starts Mutiny

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 9.—When the strains of the "Missouri Waltz" drifted into his tiny bunk room on the pleasure steamer South America, Karl Keister wanted to dance. He had never felt such a desire before. It was a new awakening in his heart.

After pulling on his best and only pair of trousers, Keister brushed his wiry hair vigorously, then he took a final look at himself in a small mirror cruelly nailed to the wall. Perhaps it was the laughter of women on the deck above, anyway vainly was crowding him and the music beckoned him on.

Through hard labor and saving, Keister had amassed a "fortune," \$150. He remembered the money as he started for the deck where the crew, men and women, were enjoying a dancing party, and placed the roll under his bunk.

At first Keister was shy. Presently, a young woman asked him to dance. He declined, but she insisted and told him she would teach him the "step."

While Keister was thus engaged some one went to his bunk room and took his "fortune."

Four men were accused and trouble threatened, as the crew liked Keister. A wireless message from Capt. George Cummings said there was trouble aboard. The message was construed to mean the crew had mutinied.

George Caldwell, deputy United States marshal, and W. F. Johnson, of the Bureau of Investigation, boarded the C. F. Heinman, Jr., mailboat, Saturday noon, and went to meet the South America. The mutiny they had expected was missing and so was Keister's money.

ATTORNEY KELLY HURT IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

News was received in Washington today of the serious injury of James F. Kelly, a former Washington newspaper man and lawyer, in an automobile accident in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Kelly was buried beneath his machine when it went over a steep incline in a canyon. He was one of a party of four, returning from an inspection of waterways.

Employed on a Washington newspaper, Mr. Kelly studied law in his spare time and went West to start practice.

BREAKFAST TABLE TAX OPPONENTS SURE OF VICTORY

With the \$86,000,000 consumption taxes on tea, coffee, sugar, and cocoa almost certain to be eliminated, the \$2,512,000,000 war revenue bill will come to a vote in the Senate tomorrow afternoon.

The Borah-Johnson-Kenyon group, which fought vainly for higher taxes on big incomes and war profits, will vote against the consumption taxes. With them will stand Southern Senators who sympathize with the argument of Senators Broussard and Randall, voiced yesterday, that the tax on sugar would be unfair discrimination against a product of Louisiana.

Many other Senators are opposed to the consumption taxes on the ground that they are "irritating" to a people already burdened, and do not produce enough revenue to make them worth while.

Lodge Quotes British Precedent. The taxes sought to be imposed are: Coffee, 2 cents a pound; tea, 5 cents; prepared cocoa, 5 cents; crude cocoa, 3 cents; sugar, 1 cent.

"Why invade the American breakfast table?" is the argument most of the opponents of the consumption taxes made.

Senator Lodge, answering them, quoted figures showing that both England and France impose heavier taxes on the four articles, in addition to tariff duties.

Senator Randall pointed out that the combined tax would represent a charge of \$2.50 a year on each family in the country.

"That's not much," he said, "but its serious enough in these days of high prices."

Senator Curtis of Kansas argued that singling out of four articles of food was unfair. "Tax all food or none," he advised.

Waits for Other Members. Senator Simmons, Finance Committee chairman, put off the vote on consumption taxes, that other Senators may be heard.

Senator Stone obtained the adoption of an amendment eliminating a tax of 5 cents on each free pass to a theater, picture theater, or amusement park. As the bill now stands it will produce \$2,512,450,000, divided thus: Profits tax, \$1,000,000,000; war income tax, \$840,000,000; drinks, \$218,000,000; tobacco and cigars, \$350,000,000; tea, coffee, sugar, cocoa, playing cards, sporting goods, cosmetics, etc., \$337,450,000.

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MARYLAND LOSES 27 DISTILLERIES TODAY

Twenty-seven distilleries in the Maryland district were closed last night, but one will start work again soon to manufacture alcohol for commercial purposes.

The effect of the law on the working forces of Maryland's distilleries will not be severe, as most of them, warned in advance by Congress, have secured other employment.

All the plants still have supplies of whiskey on hand which will be held in bond until the revenue tax is paid, and it is released by the Government. According to statistics the average yearly production of whiskey by Maryland distilleries was about 1,526,340 gallons. The average annual consumption of wine is estimated at 3,000,000 bushels.

ENSIGN MEYERS DIES.

The death on the hospital ship Solace of Ensign Harold M. Meyers has been announced by the Navy Department. Meyers lived at Mill Hall, Pa.

ENTERTAINED SOLDIERS FROM NEARBY CAMPS

Soldiers in camp near Washington know today how full of hospitality is the heart of the National Capital.

The Y. M. C. A. gave a "stag" party last night in its headquarters. Snacks, sandwiches, and songs were liberally provided. Musical "turns" were furnished by Sol Rubin, J. C. Norwood, A. Mann, and Prof. Green.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Wood and Mrs. Wood gave a reception at their home to 200 army men from the camp at St. Asaph, Henry B. F. Macfarland was a joint host.

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